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Summertime is here with a vengeance. The weather is HOT. It's been over 100 degrees every day for quite some time now. The Waco T.V. station says more than 30 days so far this year. The pastures are turning into a Desert. Trees are so stressed that many of them won't make it until the rain finally does come, if it ever does. Many of them will be dead and in need of being made into firewood by this time next year. I sure do hope we get some rain soon. I don't suppose there is much chance for cool weather for several more month's now. A tropical system is all we can hope for, for the rest of the summer. While I don't wish a Hurricane on anyone, some relief from this heat sure would be nice. TX Alline and I will be going to the HIGH Mountains for a week sometime soon. That sure will be a nice change from this heat.

The August 2011 shoot is fast approaching. Remember, this is also our **10<sup>th</sup> anniversary** for the club. It seems like only yesterday that we were clearing a jungle of brush and vines just to be able to see where the range is now. What I remember most is the energy to do the things that were needed to be done to accomplish all of this. Once we started, I had plenty of help clearing brush and building things, making roads, clearing and installing power lines, putting in a real Out House complete with AC and heat for the ladies, and all the other buildings, props, and amenities that we now offer. Some of you were here from the start, but many of you couldn't ever imagine what has gone into this project. But like I said, what I miss most is the energy I once had. Ten years sure does make a difference. But I must say, it was all worth it just to see so many Cowboys and Cowgirls having such a fun time here at the range.

This month, on Saturday (Aug. 13th), the lunch will be provided by the club and anyone else wishing to bring food to the match. It looks like, with the hot weather and all that we will have Sandwiches and other cool things to eat. If anyone wants to contribute to the meal, bring your favorite dish for everyone to enjoy. Variety is the spice of life. Your favorite desert will be greatly appreciated by all. There is not much co-ordination, so just bring what ever you want to. Thanks.

The stages will be reminiscent of the way things used to be done. There will be plenty of room for chance as well as skill. For new shooters, it will be an eye opener. For you seasoned shooters, it should bring back many memories. Gunslinger is co-coordinating this event, so be sure to profusely thank him for his efforts. He has been delegating a lot of his time and energy to making this event enjoyable and memorable for everyone.

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